**Durham and Cleveland Youth Forum**

Durham and Cleveland LTA are excited to announce the launch of our brand-new **Youth Forum**—an opportunity for young tennis players to help shape the future of the sport in our county.

The Youth Committee will play a key role in developing fresh, exciting initiatives to increase participation in tennis and support the retention of current junior players.

We’re looking to appoint **7 young people, aged 12–16**, from across Durham and Cleveland to join the committee. Each selected member will receive:

* **Free Tennis Leaders training**
* **Support towards completing their Level 1 coaching qualification**

**Forum Details:**

* The committee will meet **once every 7 weeks**
* Members will help **plan and deliver two youth-led events** in the first year, with a view to expanding in the future
* Each member will serve a term of **up to two years**
* Ongoing support will still be available after the term ends

**Our Goals:**

The Youth Forum aims to:

* **Increase the visibility of tennis** among young people across the county
* **Create innovative events and strategies** to attract and retain junior players
* **Expand access to tennis**, especially in communities that currently lack opportunities

**How to Apply:**

If this sounds like something you’d love to be part of, we invite you to submit a **short video application or short written application**, answering the following questions:

1. What is your name, and where do you currently play tennis?
2. How long have you been playing, and how did you get started?
3. What inspires you about tennis?
4. Why would you like to help others get involved in the sport?
5. Do you have any ideas on how we can engage more young people in tennis?

**Submission Instructions:**

Please send your application to **Hannah Murdy** at **cdp@dclta.org**.
The email **must be sent by a parent or guardian**, including their permission for your application. All submissions will remain private and will not be shared publicly.

We can’t wait to hear from you!

**– Durham and Cleveland LTA**